

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to amend errors made during the translation of the International Application, which was filed in Japanese. Applicants note that these errors were absent from the International Application.

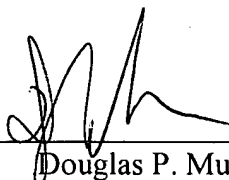
Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Douglas P. Mueller (Reg. No. 30,300), at (612) 455.3804.

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